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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications
Director of Finance
Director of Logistics
Director of Medical Services
Director of Personnel
Director of Security
Director of Training

ATTENTION : Historical Officer

SUBJECT : Progress Report - Support Services Histories

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 4 Aug 67 to Historical Officers from
Chairman/SSHB, subj: Quarterly Status Report

1. An annual report will be submitted by the Historical Staff/O-DCI to the Executive Director-Comptroller in December 1968 covering progress to date in the Historical Programs in the Directorates of Intelligence, Science and Technology, and Support. It is requested that you submit a report of your progress to date in your Historical Program covering the period through 30 November 1968. We would like to have these reports by 9 December.

2. The report should list those papers now in progress with comments as to their current status and extended dates for completion. We know that a number of papers are in final stages of preparation and we are anxious that full credit be received by each Office for the effort that has gone into its Historical Program.

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Are we seriously behind
schedule in the D D of
historical programs? If so,
please list by each
office the degree of
problem. Then let
me have your suggestions
as to what we do to
correct the matter.


19 Oct 67

NOTE FOR: Mr. Bannerman

SUBJECT : Rehiring of Annuitants

I notice that this subject is on your agenda for this morning's Staff Meeting.

As you know, we have two such annuitants in the Historical Program - one in Communications and one in Finance. It is fairly obvious that we should have at least one annuitant per Support Office if we are to make any measurable progress in the Historical Program. On-duty personnel are just too busy and too involved in day to day activities to be able to make a written contribution.

 and I are in agreement on the necessity to identify such annuitant help. It is my understanding that Col. White recognizes this need and has been fairly relaxed in the rehiring of annuitants for the historical effort. Of course any proposals by Support Offices for rehiring annuitants for the Historical Program must be forwarded through me for your approval.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Bannerman

SUBJECT : Status of Support Services Historical Program

1. We are not seriously behind schedule in our Historical Program. On the whole I believe that we are making better progress than the programs in the DDI and the DDS&T.

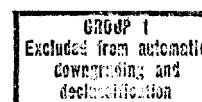
2. We have some strong areas and some weak spots. The Offices of Logistics, Communications, Personnel, and Finance are making very definite progress. They have a number of individuals engaged in part-time research and writing, and their reports indicate that we may expect some completed monographs from each of these Offices very shortly. On the other hand, officers of the Office of Security have been so involved in day to day work load that they have not been able to make the progress that they had hoped for. [redacted] has recently been named as the Historical Officer, replacing [redacted] and I hope that he can be more successful in pushing individual writers and in identifying a retiree who might be engaged under contract as a full-time worker. Medical Services reports progress only in papers being written by the Psychiatric Staff; again the work load is interfering with the accomplishment of progress in other areas of the Office. [redacted] is the acting Historical Officer, replacing [redacted] [redacted] is endeavoring to work out a more progressive solution to the program for the Medical Staff. In the Office of Training, [redacted] is hoping to divest himself of many routine responsibilities in order that he may devote a greater portion of his time to the Historical Program prior to his May 1968 retirement.

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3. A start is being made on developing the thread of centralized executive direction to Support components dating from OSS days. Considerable research on the period 1945 to 1950 is underway, and we hope to get the history of the DD/S off to a good start.

4. In summary, we are working on the trouble spots and should be able to report greater progress in these areas in the next few months. We are convinced by experience to date that the Support Offices in general are too tightly staffed to accomplish much research and writing as additional duty on the part of these senior personnel who are most conversant with historical subjects. It is for this reason that we are continually seeking personnel about

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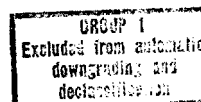
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